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TAGS: WMO UNDP

SUBJ: UNDRO NEED FOR CURRENT STORM INFORMATION

1. UNDRO OFFICER ROSENE HAS DISCUSSED WITH WMO POSSIBILITY OF RECEIVING AT UNDRO HQ CURRENT INFORMATION ON SEVERESTORM TRACKS, POTENTIALLY THREATENING POPULATED AREAS. INITIALLY, UNDRO BELIEVED THAT SUCH INFORMATION WOULD ENABLE STAFF TO COMMENCE ACTION IN THREATENED AREAS SOMEWHAT EARLIER THAN OTHERWISE, EVEN TO THE POINT OF ALERTING LOCAL UNDP RES REP (ALSO DESIGNATED AS UNDRO REP) TO MAKE INITIAL PREPARATIONS.

2. WHO OFFICERS POINTED OUT A) COST OF RECEIVING AND ANALYZING ON ROUTINE BASIS REPORTS FROM POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS STORMS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, B) POTENTIAL CONFUSION IF UNDRO ANALYSES ARE RECEIVED AND GIVEN ANY DISTRIBUTION BY UN REPS IN COUNTRIES BELIEVED TO BE THREATENED.

3. ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTION MADE BY SECRETARIAT WAS THAT UNDP REPS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM UNDRO GENEVA OF ANY POTENTIAL THREATS

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BASED ON METEO WARNINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE

THROUGH LOCAL SOURCES.

4. ROSENE FELT THIS WAS GOOD POSSIBILITY BUT PERSISTED IN HOPE THAT GENEVA OFFICE COULD "TAP INFORMATION FROM WMO SOURCES" TO RECEIVE ADVANCE ALERT AS BASIS FOR STRATEGY PLANNING. WMO CAUTIONED AGAINST THIS PLAN OF ACTION BUT AGREED TO LOOK FURTHER INTO IT IF UNDRO OFFICIALS DECIDED NEVERTHELESS TO EXPLORE IT FURTHER.

5. THE POSSIBILITY THAT US DISASTER ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT ASSIST UNDRO IN THIS MATTER WAS MENTIONED BY ROSENE, AS HE APPEARS TO HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF US ORGANIZATIONS DEALING WITH DISASTER RELIEF. AS US MISSION IS ALREADY PROVIDING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM POSTS ON DISASTER PROBLEMS, E.G. HAITI DROUGHT, UNDRO APPARENTLY FEELS THAT BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT WITH US OFFERS REASONABLE PROSPECT FOR ASSISTANCE.

6. FURTHER INITIATIVE IS NOW LEFT WITH UNDRO. WHATEVER THE MERITS OF UNDRO INITIATIVE, MISSION CONSIDERS THAT UNDRO EFFORTS SHOULD NOW BE DIRECTED TO ESTABLISHING CONTACTS IN WMO AND ELSEWHERE AS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT ITS CRISIS MANAGEMENT FUNCTION RATHER THAN BEING ENCOURAGED TO UNDERTAKE A SPECIALIZED ACTIVITY SUCH AS THE ANALYSIS OF, SAY, STORM WARNINGS FOR WHICH IT WOULD HAVE TO ACQUIRE EXPERTISE TO PERFORM.  
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